

VSP Public Comment

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Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

I am of the belief that this country needs to do what most of the free world has done. We must remove all machines counting of ballots from all elections, be it city, county, state or federal elections. I believe that the only transparent election is one where the counting of ballots is done at a pace where any literate person can observe the counting of ballots in his or her precinct and verify that the counting officials did their job correctly and that the results are correct.

I believe that it is wrong for a person, group, government official or company to count votes in a manner that does not allow for the opportunity of the average voter to verify that the collecting, counting and storage of ballots is done in a fair and non partisan manner. Without this kind of transparency voters have no reason to believe that their vote matters.

We have no need for voting machines and especially not those made by Diebold Sincerely,
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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.